

Claims

- [c1] A tanning apparatus having a tanning bed 10 comprising:
at least one ultraviolet ray-generating means 16; and
a vertically-adjustable leg support 12 adapted to raise the legs 14 of a user lying on the tanning bed 10 so as to expose the buttocks of the user to ultraviolet rays generated by the ultraviolet ray-generating means 16, the ultraviolet ray-generating means 16 being located beneath the leg support 12 when in a raised position.
- [c2] A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 16 and the leg support 12 further provide for tanning of the rectal and genital areas of the user lying on the tanning bed 10.
- [c3] A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the leg support 12 orients the thighs of the user to be substantially vertical, and orients the lower legs of the user to be substantially horizontal.
- [c4] A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tanning bed 10 further comprises means 18 for supporting and raising the upper torso and head of the user.
- [c5] A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tanning bed 10 has a surface 19 on which the user lies, the surface 19 being defined by an air mattress.
- [c6] A tanning apparatus comprising a toilet 20 having a bowl 28 defining a rim 36 and a seat 22 above the rim 36, the toilet 20 comprising ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 located so as to expose the buttocks of a user supported by the seat 22 to ultraviolet rays generated by the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26.
- [c7] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 further provides for tanning of the rectal and genital areas of the user supported by the seat 22.
- [c8] tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating

means 26 comprises first and second lamps 26 positioned at opposite sides of the seat 22.

- [c9] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 comprises a lamp 26 located at a rear portion of the seat 22.
- [c10] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 is encased in a waterproof UV-transparent cover 30.
- [c11] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the seat 22 is a first seat 22 pivotally mounted to the toilet 20, the toilet 20 further comprising a second seat 32 and a seat cover 34 between which the first seat 22 is pivotally mounted.
- [c12] . A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 is mounted directly to a lower surface of the seat 22.
- [c13] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 is mounted from the rim 36 of the bowl 28.
- [c14] A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the seat 22 is a removable seat 22 that is not secured to the toilet 20, the apparatus further comprising a second seat 32 on which the removable seat 22 rests, the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 being mounted to the removable seat 22.
- [c15] A tanning apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the removable seat 22 has a two-piece construction held together with hinges 38 that enable the removable seat 22 to be folded.
- [c16] A tanning apparatus comprising a flexible block 42 with slots 44 sized for receiving digits 48 of a user, and ultraviolet ray-generating means 46 located in portions 49 of the block 42 between the slots 44 for tanning skin of the user between the digits 48 of the user when the digits 48 are received in the slots 44.
- [c17] A tanning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein at least surfaces of the slots

44 are transparent to ultraviolet rays.

[c18] A tanning apparatus comprising a recliner 50 having a surface 52 for supporting a user reclining on the recliner 50 and ultraviolet ray-generating means 56 located within the recliner 50 for tanning skin of the user facing and contacting the surface 52 of the recliner 50, the surface 52 of the recliner 50 being transparent to ultraviolet rays.

[c19] A tanning apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the recliner 50 accommodates more than one user.

[c20] A tanning apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the surface 52 of the recliner 50 is defined by an air mattress.